

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MONONA LIBRARY MUNICIPAL ROOM
1000 Nichols Rd Monona, WI. 53716
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Chad Speight at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Chad Speight, Co-Chair Andrew Kitslaar, Greg Anderson, Dan Coyne, Jeff Hinz, Pat Howell, Jennifer Kahl, Carol Poole, Karen Turino Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: None

Approval of the Minutes

Dan Coyne made a motion, seconded by Pat Howell to approve the minutes from October 11th and December 13th. Motion Carried.

Appearances

A. Amie Martin – 6110 Sylvan Lane

Amie spoke in support of improvements at Bridge Rd Park and requested a shade structure in the playground and supported moving playground equipment further from the road.

B. Lisa Gundlach – 404 Midland Lane

Lisa spoke in support of improvements at Bridge Rd Park including multiple levels of play equipment for different age kids, supports keeping the new playground in the same location as the existing playground, and asked about other opportunities for use of the green space.

C. Janet Sarnow - 6223 Winnequah Rd

Janet spoke in support of improvements at Bridge Rd Park and noted she would be willing to donate plants from her perennial garden to help with landscaping.

D. Gillian Fink – 6307 Westgate Rd

Gillian spoke in support of improvements at Bridge Rd Park and supports poured-in-play surfacing that was recently installed at Schluter Park.

E. Charity Hanson – 6107 Bridge Rd

Charity spoke in support of improvements at Bridge Rd Park and would like to see the option for a walk path from Midland to Bridge through the park, multi-level play elements including a sandbox, and requested to look at options for a community garden.

Unfinished Business

A. Facility Use Agreement with Madison Youth Sailing Foundation

This item was not discussed at the meeting due to time constraints. Director Anderson noted it would be on next month's agenda with other Facility Use Agreements to consider.

New Business

A. Bridge Rd Park Public Input

Director Anderson noted that he put together (3) options of path layouts and playground placement for the public and board to review. He also showed those in attendance what an outdoor ping-pong table looked like for possible inclusion at this park.

After hearing public input regarding Bridge Rd Park improvements, and reviewing staff proposed options, the following comments were made from board members:

Jeff Hinz – supports option #2 with a path from Midland to Bridge, along with a community built playground to save on cost, sandbox in a shaded area, with play elements for older kids.

Carol Poole - supports keeping playground in existing location, likes idea of a community garden in park, have a shaded area for a sandbox, and loves the idea of a ping pong table.

Pat Howell – supports option #3 in concept, especially a connecting path from Midland to Bridge along with a sandbox and more picnic tables.

Dan Coyne – supports keeping playground in existing location, and preserving green space

Greg Anderson – supports option #2 in concept, keeping playground in same location, with a path from Midland to Bridge, and also supports a community build option.

Anderson noted he would revise options based on discussion to bring to next meeting along with some additional samples of playground equipment. No action was taken at this meeting.

B. Ahuska Park UniverCity Alliance Report Discussion

Included in documents were final reports from Civil Engineering, and Turf Management plans from UW Students as part of the UniverCity Alliance. Anderson asked what members thought was most important moving forward with an engineering contract.

Andrew Kitslaar – additional parking is number 1 priority

Carol Poole – Parking, drainage, storm water runoff, and path lighting. She also asked for information on environmental impact of adding nitrogen fertilizer to athletic fields.

Dan Coyne – supports irrigation and parking improvements, no to dog exercise area and boardwalk during this phase

Greg Anderson – likes path “a”, and parking extension “B” by the tennis courts

After board discussion, there was consensus that the following items should be included in an engineering contract:

- parking lot extension by tennis courts, and additional parking lot between the shelter and Veteran’s Memorial
- Drainage/irrigation of athletic fields with accessible paths to baseball field and football field.

Anderson noted he would incorporate these directions into an RFP for engineering services for this year. No action was taken at the meeting.

Director’s Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

- A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director (Included in this packet)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Dan Coyne seconded by Andrew Kitslaar was carried at 8:44 pm.